

Site selected for inter-city bus terminal: Lord Mayor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE, Jan 1: Lord Mayor Khwaja Ahmad Hassan said on Friday the Metropolitan Corporation of Lahore had selected a site for the construction of a modern inter-city bus terminal.

"Situated near Shahdara, the proposed terminal would be the latest of its kind. It will be built on BOT basis," he told the executive committee of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said transporters had also shown willingness to pool resources for an early construction of the bus terminal.

Meanwhile, he said, the MCL was also working round the clock to provide facilities at the newly-established Badami Bagh bus/ wagons stand.

Khwaja Ahmad Hassan said the corporation was also working on a plan, in collaboration with Ali Institute of Education, to improve the standard of education at its schools. Under the plan, he said, selected schools from each MCL ward would be equipped with necessary facilities and the teachers imparted training in modern methods of teaching.

The Lord Mayor said the right to collect levy on sign-boards had

been transferred to the Punjab Parks and Horticulture Authority to eliminate overlapping between the functions performed by the LDA and the MCL.

Khwaja Ahmad Hassan said during its recent infrastructure development initiative, the MCL had given priority to roads located around business centres. He said the heavy investment in Gulberg's main boulevard stood a testimony to the fact. Apart from being a "status symbol for the city", he said, the road was meant to facilitate the business community.

The Lord Mayor said between 1996 and 1998 the civic bodies had invested heavily in projects in Northern Lahore. He said besides two drains — Siddiquepura drain and the Chhota drain — a number of major roads had been completed in the area during this period. He said the MCL was discussing with the Shadman Market traders the ways to ensure their participation in setting up a better sanitation system for the area.

Earlier, LCCI president Pervaiz Hanif drew the attention of the Lord Mayor towards various problems faced by the business community.